RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am sorry I cannot answer that question now.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know who is conducting this investigation ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Dewaswom Commissioner has reported that investigations are being conducted, evidently by the Maramat Engineer.

Steps for the supply of water to pilgrims to the Sabarimala Sastha temple.

112. ***MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before them for the supply of good drinking water to the pilgrims on their way to and from the Sabarimala Sastha temple during the months of Dhanu and Makaram ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkill II*): May I know from the member whether the pilgrims return by different routes ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They may be doing so. I am not sure, because I have not gone there myself.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether the Devaswom Commissioner has reported to Government that there is necessity for supplying good drinking water to the pilgrims on their return journey ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He has reported that there is difficutty in getting good drinking water and that investigations are being made to see how far it is possible to supply drinking water.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know the nature of the investigations that are being carried out ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He has only reported that investigations are being conducted and that the places mentioned are so rocky and infested with wild animals that ordinary open wells cannot be sunk. I believe his idea is to provide protected wells. He has stated that the whole matter is under investigation.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether the pilgrims will be supplied with good drinking water before the next festival ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say whether the investigations will be completed and wells sunk before the next annual pilgrimage. All that is possible will be done.

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